

have paid 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance on each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service (not to exceed 30% of a total of \$30,000);

(2) By the completion of the second year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid another 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service (not to exceed 30% of a total of \$30,000); and

(3) By the completion of a third year of agreed service, if applicable, the Secretary will have paid another 25 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service (not to exceed 25% of a total of \$30,000). The option for third year of service is dependent on the availability of funds during that third year.

No more than 85 percent of the principal balance of any qualified loan which was unpaid as of the beginning date of service will be paid under this program.

Prior to entering a contract for repayment of loans, other than Nursing Student Loans, the Secretary will require that satisfactory evidence be provided of the existence and reasonableness of the educational loans.

These loan repayment amounts are unrelated to any salary paid to the nursing education loan repayment recipient by the health facility by which he or she has been employed.

To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must:

(1) Have received, prior to the start of service, a baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing, a diploma in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing;

(2) Have outstanding educational loans for the costs of his/her nursing education;

(3) Agree to be employed full-time for not less than 2 years in any of the following types of eligible health facilities: (a) Indian Health Service health center; a Native Hawaiian health center; a public hospital (operated by a State, county, or local government); a health center funded under section 330 of the PHS Act (including migrant, homeless and public housing health centers); a rural health clinic (section 1861 (aa)(2) of the Social Security Act); or (b) public or nonprofit private health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses; and

(4) Currently be employed or plan to begin employment as a registered nurse no later than August 31, 1997.

Funding Preferences

Awards will be made the first week of May, July, and September of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997. As required under section 846, the Secretary will give first preference to qualified applicants:

(1) Who have the greatest financial need; and

(2) Who agree to serve in the types of health facilities described in paragraph 3 (a) and (b) above, that are located in geographic areas determined by the Secretary to have a shortage of and need for nurses.

The Secretary will give second preference to qualified applicants who agree to be employed by an eligible health facility described in paragraph 3 (a) above. If funds remain available after initial awards are made, further consideration will be given to applicants who meet eligibility requirements but do not meet the above funding preferences.

Breach of Contract

Participants in this program who fail to provide health services for the period specified in their contract with the Secretary shall be liable to the Federal Government for payments made by the Secretary during the service period pursuant to such contract, plus interest on this amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, payable within 3 years from the date the contract with the Secretary is breached.

Waiver or Suspension of Liability

A waiver or suspension of liability may be granted by the Secretary if compliance with the contract with the Secretary by the individual participant is impossible, or would involve extreme hardship to the individual, and if enforcement of the contract with respect to the individual would be unconscionable.

Other Award Information

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, since payments to individuals are not covered. In addition, this program is not subject to the submission of a Public Health System Impact Statement.

(The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.908)

Dated: July 2, 1997.

Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the teleconference meeting of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council in July 1997.

This is a continuation of the June 23 teleconference meeting (originally published June 10, 1997, Volume 62, Number 111, Page 31617). The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual contract proposals. Therefore, the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (3), (4), and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d).

A summary of the meeting and a roster of Council members may be obtained from: Ms. Susan E. Day, Program Assistant, SAMHSA National Advisory Council, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12C-15, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-4640.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: SAMHSA National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: July 10, 1997.

Place: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Conference Room 12-94, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Closed: July 10, 1997, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Toian Vaughn, Executive Secretary, Room 12C-15, Parklawn Building, Telephone: (301) 443-4640 and FAX: (301) 443-1450.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: July 2, 1997.

Jeri Lipov,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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